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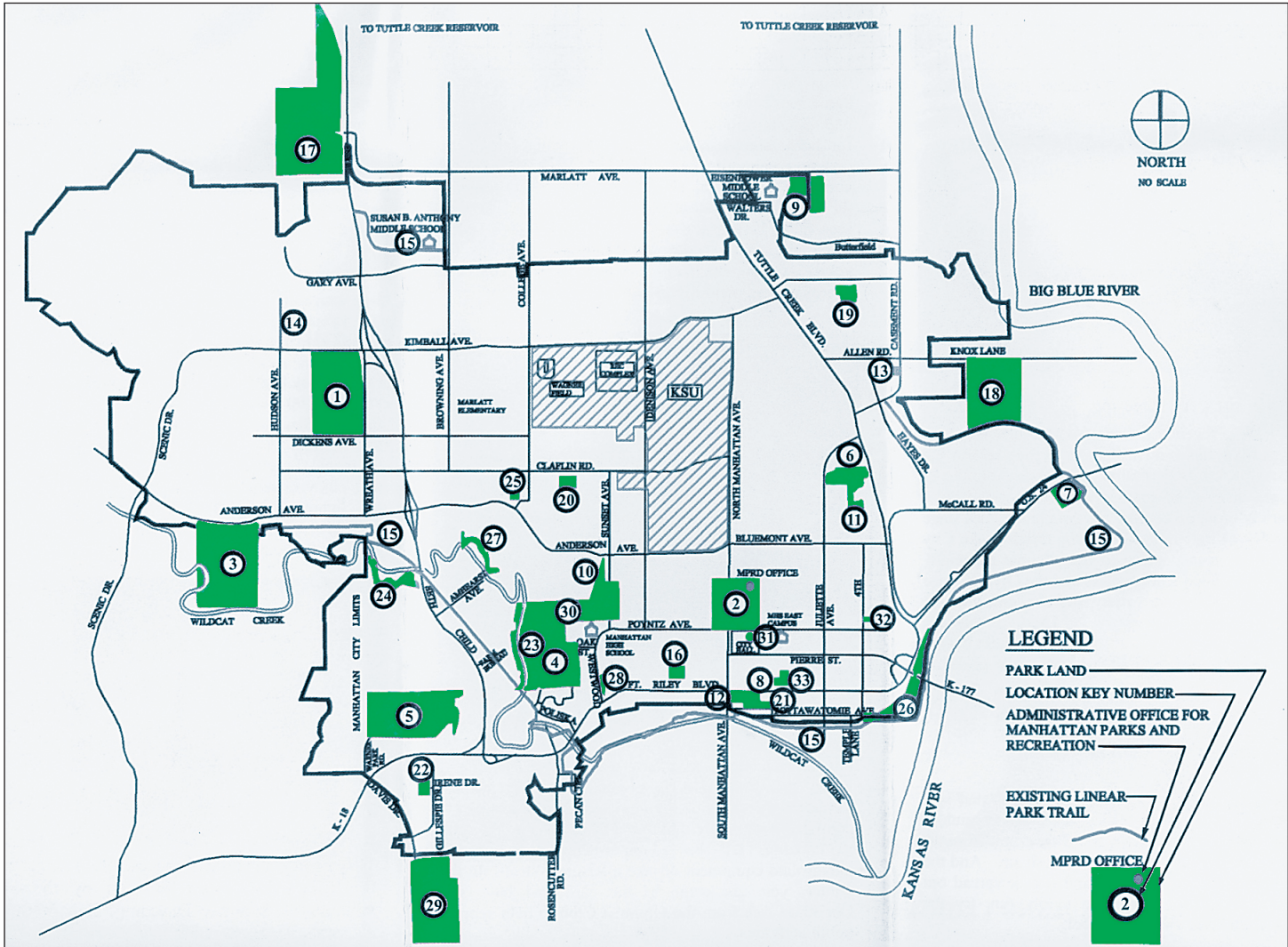


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Manhattan’s 23 recreational parks offer students, residents areas to enjoy outdoor activities, playgrounds; new City Park pavilion named for Wefalds

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Lush green trees, sprawling grassy areas, jogging paths, and metal slides that double as skill-lets on hot afternoons characterize America’s city parks.

Manhattan’s parks, 23 to be exact, exceed the classic public park blueprint. Students and locals enjoy free concerts and ice-skating at City Park, and celebrate annual rodeos, county fairs and fireworks at CiCo Park. Sunset Zoological Park entertains busloads of kids of all

ages during the summer months and climbing down onto the big white “M-A-N-H-A-T-T-A-N” letters at Bluemont Park is a favorite among K-State students.

“I like to go walking on the hill at Bluemont Park,” said Chelsea Shrack, senior in animal science and industry. “Manhattan parks are a great escape from the daily grind.”

City Park is getting a lot of due attention with a new playground that features a climbing boulder, a brand new pavilion named in honor of Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald, and a pending new

pool and ice-skating rink extension, said Curt Loupe, director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Manhattan.

“City Park is an awesome place to hang out and play Frisbee with your friends,” said Jenny Bartholomew, senior in elementary education. “I try to go there at least once a week in the spring when the weather is nice.”

Manhattan’s 23 parks range in size from 0.5 to 160 acres, but each one offers something visitors can enjoy and appreciate.

Loupe said there is some-

thing to love about each park, and many have been enjoyed for as long as 50 years.

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Home to Jerry Dishman Lake and several families of ducks and geese, Anneberg Park is host to soccer and baseball games, fishing and multiple playgrounds.

Loupe said the area has a very athletic feel with its various fields, but the park – which

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Enjoying an afternoon on the slide, **Nelly Smith**, Manhattan resident and her son **Elijah**, 18 months, enjoy the outdoors at Frank Anneberg Park on Tuesday afternoon. Anneberg Park provided a lake, a perimeter trail and facilities for softball, soccer or flag football.



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Located on 10th and Yuma streets, Douglass Park includes a shelter and grills, a playground and basketball courts. The park is one of 23 parks, totaling 1,000 acres, owned by the city of Manhattan.

Commission votes 3-2 against city-wide smoking ban

By Justin Nutter
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan Board of Commissioners declined a proposed ordinance that would have banned smoking in public places and places of employment in the City of Manhattan.

The commission gathered for a special meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss the ordinance. City Attorney Bill Frost opened the meeting by discussing the possible outcomes.

“We essentially have one of two options,” Frost said. “We can elect to pass the ordinance as it was submitted, or we can pass a resolution to submit the ordinance to a vote on the Nov. 4 ballot.”

Frost said the ordinance did not appear to contain any legal issues in its presented form.

“From what we can tell, there are no constitutional concerns with the ordinance the way it was proposed,” he said.

Stan Watt, Manhattan resident, spoke on behalf of the petitioning party and gave a presentation that covered the basics of the ordinance. He emphasized several times that the ban was not proposed because citizens were concerned about related economical issues.

“I want to stress that this is solely a health issue and not a business issue,” Watt said. “People have the right to smoke if they want, but they don’t have the right to force innocent people to breathe the toxic fumes that they’re creating.”

Watt ended his presentation by stating that the city had already shown that it preferred the ordinance.

“This is a good, solid, fair ordinance,” he said. “It provides equal protection for everyone and the community wants it.”

After Watt’s presentation, citizens were allowed to voice their opinions on the ordinance. A large number of citizens, including various Manhattan business



By Nathaniel LaRue | COLLEGIAN

“If you pass this ordinance, Adolf Hitler will come back from Hell ...” Manhattan resident **Dee Ross** said during his criticism of the proposed smoking ban at the City meeting Tuesday night.

owners, spoke to the board. There was no clear consensus among those who spoke.

“Consequences of secondhand smoke cannot be argued,” said Lydia Peele,

K-State student body president. “It would be in the best interest of all Kansas State students to pass this ordinance.”

Dr. Steve Short, lung doctor at Mercy Region-

al Health Center, expressed his agreement with Peele.

“Restaurant and bar owners should see their employees’ health as a huge

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New sorority recruitment proves successful

By Deborah Muhwezi
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The efforts of the Greek Affairs employees, students and chapter advisers have not gone in vain. The recent changes they made to improve sorority recruitment resulted in an increase in retention, as well as time and money saved for students, staff and volunteers involved in the Sorority Recruitment Week.

“Recruitment went excellently,” said Shawn Eagleburger, assistant director for Greek Affairs. “We started and finished with more women than we ever have at K-State.”

Eagleburger, who is also the primary sorority adviser, said he was impressed with the success of Recruitment Week, which took place August 17-21. Eagleburger and other staff and students changed a few aspects of the week to make it more beneficial, cheaper and less stressful for all those involved, he said.

“We were able to get everything done quicker and concentrate on just a couple of days,” he said. “It’s hard to keep up energy for six days in a row, so if we can do it in four days and keep everyone going, then it’s just better.”

At the end of the week, the sororities were able to offer 525 women membership and retained 86 percent of the women throughout the process, he said. In addition, the price of recruitment for students went down from last year’s expense of \$270 to \$165 for expenses this year, he said.

“We were able to get more people to join than we ever have in a long time,” he said. “The advantages just really showed through this year.”

Eagleburger said the staff provided vans this year to make transportation around K-State and Manhattan more convenient for the students.

He said the shortened week allowed more summer and family time for the interested women and all those involved in recruitment. Parents were also able to travel on the weekend. Since they didn’t have to take off from work during the week, they saw more girls stay through to the end, he said.

“Our No. 1 interest is to have as many women be asked to as many chapters as possible, and we were able to get more people to join than we have in a long time,” he said.

Jennifer Bantham, senior in elementary education, is a director of recruitment for the Panhellenic Council and said she was very satisfied with the outcome of recruitment week. “Overall, the changes we made made the week go a lot faster,” she said.

Bantham, who is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, said the changes didn’t have a negative effect on recruitment. The number of recruits and members increased because the process was smoother, and the staff and people involved were well-trained. She also stressed how important the Manhattan community was to greek life at K-State.

“The community is the one that we want to help,” she said. “If they see us doing something that they may not approve of, it can put a damper on our greek community.”

As for next year, Eagleburger said Greek Affairs still wants to improve the residence hall stay, travel time, costs, counseling techniques, recruiters, and anything else that needs improvement to increase the numbers.

“We have one of the most successful recruitment weeks, so there’s always things we want to improve and change – that’s going to take the collective community,” he said.

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All new K-State students are invited to Wildcat Welcome Day from 3-9 p.m. Thursday at the K-State Alumni Center, sponsored by the K-State Alumni Association. Those who attend can enjoy ice cream floats, register for a textbook scholarship and other prizes and learn about the association's student programs.

The KSU Ultimate Club has begun practices and is inviting anyone to attend. Regular practices are at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the field by the president's home. For more information, go to www.ksu.edu/ultimate.

Academic mentoring places K-State students in community organizations to support family literacy and youth-related programming. Federal work study is preferred. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, applications must be turned in by 5 p.m. Friday. E-mail userve@ksu.edu or call 785-532-5701 for more information.

The KSU Roller Hockey Club will hold an informational meeting at 5 p.m. on Sept. 2 in Waters Hall, room 137. All members and interested students should attend. Contact Jerry Remsbecker at 785-532-5971 with questions.

The Center on Aging will have an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 3. There will be free pizza and a chance to win a gift certificate. Contact Lacey at 785-532-2776 with any questions.

Intramural entries for flag football, soccer and individual singles sports are being accepted in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Sept. 4. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

The KSU Tennis Club will have its first meeting of the year at 7 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the Peters Recreation Complex Tennis Courts. For more information, contact the club at ksu.tennis.club@gmail.com.

Melinda D. Daniels, assistant professor of geography, will give the geography colloquium "Perceptions of Wood in River Landscapes: Implications for Geomorphology, Ecology and Future Research in Fluvial Systems" from 3-4 p.m. on Sept. 5 in Seaton Hall, room 132. This event is open to the public.

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THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

MONDAY

Shiela Regina Huffman, 3308 Fairman Circle, was arrested at 3:38 p.m. for aggravated escape from custody. Bond was set at \$5,000.

James Henry Boeckman, Corning, Kan., was arrested at 3:50 p.m. for identity theft. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Shiela Regina Huffman, 3308 Fairman Circle, was arrested at 4:40 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$100.

Jason Scott Oder, Alta Vista, Kan., was arrested at 10:20 p.m. for theft; burglary; use or possession of prohibited simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia; unlawful acts relating to the sale or distribution of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants; and possession of depressants, stimulants or hallucinogenic drugs or other substances. Bond was set at \$5,000.



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Graduate receives scholarship to teach English at German high school for 1 year

By Bethaney Wallace
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State President Jon Wefald is known for boasting about the university's exceptional number of Fulbright scholars, and Libby Holste is one of the latest students to make that list.

Holste, a May 2008 graduate with a degree in history, was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year.

Holste will be an English Teaching Assistant at a high school in Mainz, a city in west-central Germany. Her students will range in age from 10 to 16 and she will spend approximately 12 hours a week teaching in the classroom, in addition to offering an after-school conversational class.

"The program allows me a lot of flexibility and creativity in working with the students," Holste explained. "Most of the students are taught straight out of a book."

Holste will help her students with correct pronunciation, as well as give them a firsthand view of American culture. As for her conversational class, it is optional for her students but gives them more opportunities to learn and speak in English.

This is not Holste's first time in Germany. She studied abroad near Hamburg during her junior year at K-State. Holste also has a minor in German.

Though she will be in a different area of Germany, Holste said her study-abroad experience will help her adapt to living in that area.

"I really liked it the first time. It's a lot easier to know I can mesh right in," she said.

The Fulbright Scholarship is a program funded through the U.S. Department of State. Started in 1946 by Sen. J. William Fulbright, it is awarded each year to an increasing number of U.S. participants, who can travel to more than 155 countries.

The program provides its participants with traveling funds as well as a stipend each month for living expenses but requires scholars to find their own living situations.

Holste said she researched for roommates on the Internet and found a German Fulbright scholar who will complete the program



Libby Holste, 2006 graduate in history, was awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year. Holste will be an English teaching assistant at a high school in Mainz, Germany.

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in Minneapolis, Minn. Holste will sublease her apartment, and live with the German scholar's two roommates, while the German scholar studies in the U.S.

Holste's mother, Leah Holste, said she and her husband, Charles, were happy with how Holste's living situation turned out.

"We're glad that somebody else is picking her up from the airport," Leah said. "Those are things that give us a little bit more peace of mind."

Leah said Charles got a passport upon the recommendation of a friend, so he could travel to Germany to see Libby in the event of an emergency.

Libby said she is happy with the town where she will be teaching.

"It's a college town so I should fit right in," she said.

She also said there will be five other Fulbrights in the same

town, though none of them will be working in the same school.

"I knew I didn't want to go into grad school right away. It was a good opportunity, and I knew I wanted to go abroad again," said Libby, explaining why she chose the Fulbright program.

"We are excited for her to have this opportunity," Leah said. "We're just happy it all worked out for her."

James Hohenbary, K-State assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships, helped Libby apply for the Fulbright Scholarship by editing her applications.

"Basically my job is to help students coordinate the process," Hohenbary said.

Hohenbary said there are two very special factors with the Fulbright Scholarship. One of those factors is that the application process is very open.

After receiving a bachelor's degree, a college graduate can apply at any time for a Fulbright Scholarship, until the graduate receives a doctorate. Hohenbary said the other quality is that there are more than 155 countries involved in the program, so there's great flexibility on where one can travel.

"It's so flexible, it can potentially serve many different students," Hohenbary said.

Though Libby is participating in a teaching assistantship, Hohenbary said this position is in the minority. But the Fulbright Program is adding more teaching assistantships each year, he said. Other recipients use the scholarship for research or creative projects.

The 2009-10 school year will offer 1,498 U.S. Fulbright scholarships. The deadline to apply is Sept. 22.

5K race to raise funds for Chapman

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Community Pride Committee and the Lions Club of Chapman, Kan., are sponsoring the Tornado Relief 5K Run and Walk during the Chapman Labor Day 2008 celebration.

The race will raise funds to help Chapman recover from a tornado that destroyed most of the town on June 11, the same night an EF-4 tornado ripped through Manhattan.

The 5K run begins at 8 a.m. on Monday at the Chapman High School football field and parking lot, said Aaron Rickley, the race director and a 2001 K-State graduate. The walk starts at 9 a.m.

Rickley said there will be a tent set up with a registration stand at 7 a.m. for anyone who would like to participate. Registration for the run is \$30 and \$10 for the walk.

T-shirts will be available for the run participants while supplies last. Walk participants may also purchase a T-shirt for an additional \$10.

Sports drinks and water will be available at the start/finish line and along the route for the participants. Granola bars and fruit will be available for the participants as well, Rickley said.

Olympic-style medals will be given for first, second and third place in each category.

The overall men's and overall women's first place winners will each receive a \$25 gift certificate from Manhattan Running Company in addition to the medals.

Other events on Monday include a car exhibition, a parade and a concert. For more information on the race go to www.chapmantornado relief5k.com.

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On to bigger and better

Gov. Sebelius neglects Kansas on her quest for national spotlight

By Tim Hadachek
Kansas State Collegian

Kathleen Sebelius would like to have you believe that she is a moderate. Indeed, over the course of her past two terms as governor, the Democrat has walked the political tightrope well.

So well, in fact, that even Sen. Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, Kan., who is president of the Kansas Senate, told the New York Times that Sebelius had “done pretty well” working with Republicans.

Actions, however, speak louder than Sen. Morris’ words.

Sebelius was an early supporter of Sen. Barack Obama, endorsing his presidential candidacy in January. Since then, our governor has made stops across the nation on behalf of the Democratic nominee.

Over the last few months, Sebelius has been campaigning for Obama in such locales as Ohio, Iowa, Michigan and the Kentucky Derby. This week, she is an organizer and keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. The governor’s devotion to Obama’s cause didn’t net her a spot on the ticket, but it almost certainly will mean a position in Obama’s cabinet, should she accept.

Does all this political pandering help or represent the average Kansas citizen? Obama is losing Kansas by nearly 20 points, so her support of him clearly does not reflect the view of her supposed “home” state. Sebelius herself admitted to the Lawrence Journal-World, “I may have a job announced in the future.”

The governor should be reminded that she already has a job, one that doesn’t end for two more years. Her tenure in our state isn’t an extended job application for team Obama. This sort of opportunism is hardly surprising though, as Sebelius has been a politician her whole life.

Her father was involved in Ohio politics her whole childhood. She attended college in Washington, D.C., majoring in political science. All of this experience makes her a very good politician, which is



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partly why she is able to manage her moderate image so well. But being a good politician is completely different from being a good governor, and Sebelius has little experience with the real-life issues that face the average Kansan.

Sebelius has even used important issues to bolster her résumé. Under the guise of saving the environment, the governor vetoed legislation three times that would have allowed power plants to be built in western Kansas.

These plants would have brought hundreds of jobs, helped the state’s sagging economy and increased our energy supply. Sebelius’ decision was hailed by national environmentalist groups and bolstered her reputation among Democrats. Our environment needs to be protected, but it doesn’t have to come at the cost of sacrificing our economy and shouldn’t be

used as a tool for advancing a politician’s career.

This weekend, Sebelius called Republican presidential nominee John McCain “out of touch.” In reality, it is Sebelius who is out of touch. She supports positions and candidates that residents of her state do not and then spends time away from her job campaigning for them. She came to Kansas, ran for office and then immediately began looking for national attention. With her focus on national issues instead of the people who elected her, Sebelius is the very definition of “out of touch.”

The people of Kansas are more than stepping stones for your ambition, governor.

Tim Hadachek is a junior in political science. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

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Local events great excuse to exercise

The beginning of the school year signifies long nights of no sleep and high levels of stress for professors and students alike.

Lost in all the commotion of the school year usually tends to be an individual’s health.

Poor food choices and lack of motivation to exercise are the biggest contributing factors that lead to the loss of one’s personal appearance.

We at the Collegian want to stress the importance of staying active during the school year, because inactivity can lead to diseases such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes later in life.

It’s relatively easy to stay active. We have the Peters Recreation Complex and the Natatorium on campus, in addition to 23 parks spread across Manhattan.

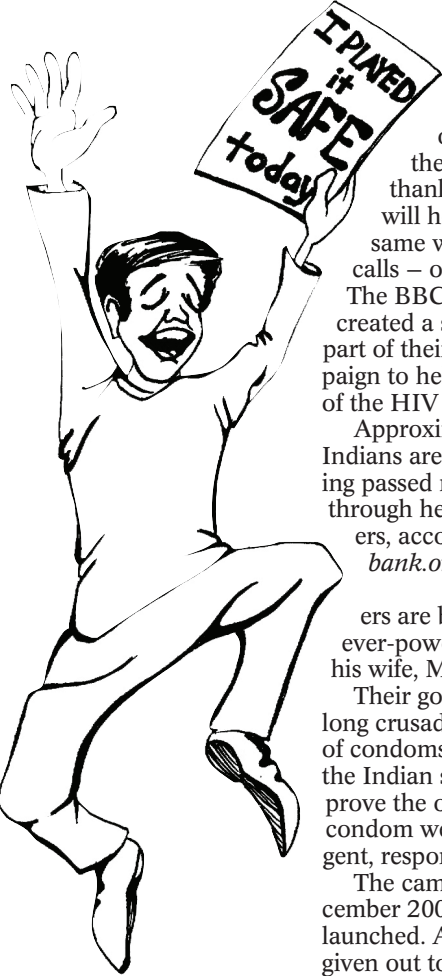
One fun way to stay active is to get a group of friends together to play sports, or even have a Wii “Fit” party.

And don’t say that you will start after the Labor Day weekend, because on Monday, Chapman is hosting a 5K run with all benefits going to help the town recover from the tornado that nearly demolished it over the summer.

So get out there, get some exercise and help a community in need.

Safe-sex campaign good start, but forgets women

By Amanda Moerlien
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



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As college students, we’ve been told through many means and media outlets that safe sex is the best sex. And now, thanks to the BBC, we will hear it from the very same way we get our booty calls — our cell phones. The BBC World Service Trust created a special ringtone as part of their mass-media campaign to help spread awareness of the HIV epidemic in India.

Approximately 2.45 million Indians are living with HIV, being passed most commonly through heterosexual sex workers, according to www.worldbank.org.

Campaign organizers are being funded by the ever-powerful Bill Gates and his wife, Melinda.

Their goal behind the year-long crusade is to make the use of condoms more acceptable by the Indian society and to improve the overall image of the condom wearer into an intelligent, responsible person.

The campaign began in December 2007, when Phase I was launched. A series of riddles was given out to the Indian population through TV and radio. Ev-

eryone participating had the chance to call in their answer to the riddle for a chance to win a free mobile phone.

The object of these riddles was to get men talking about safe-sex practices. Apparently, it worked. Out of the 52 million men the ad reached in the three-week span, polls showed that 70 percent talked about it with their friends, according to www.condomcondom.org.

While it is good that the organization is trying to do something about such a widespread epidemic, it could have been better executed. Instead of focusing on just men, who are expected to wear the condoms, the ads should focus on both sexes.

As seen here in the U.S., women are taking more action than ever to protect themselves, especially after having been told repeatedly by media to take control of their sex lives.

Phase II consisted of an ad focused on Kabaddi, a popular male sport in India, at which spectators are expected to chant “kabaddi” throughout the game. Instead, they chanted “condom” at the top of their lungs. The winners of the game stated, “If we don’t talk about condoms, who will?”

Once again, they portrayed a good message, but where were women in all of this?

We can tell a man to use a condom all we want, but in the heat of the moment, if the woman doesn’t care, he’s not going to take the time to do so. However, if we educate both sexes on safe-sex practices, the odds of

a condom actually being used are immediately increased.

During Phase III, the clever condom a capella was created, which can be downloaded online or received via text message. For the most part, the ringtone has been well received, as many citizens believe spreading the word through creative, fun means is the only way to make a change.

Unfortunately, the Web site is a bit discomforting, containing pictures of creepy men who look straight out of Pedophiles Anonymous and a shift-eyed parrot that flashes and jumps around when showed some attention.

You can, however, download a computer screen wallpaper that outlines the thoughts of the typical male brain, which quite specifically suggests that sex is the major component.

Overall, it seems the campaign has done pretty well spreading the word about safe sex. Hopefully, they will continue their efforts to make India a safer, healthier place for its inhabitants.

Students can do their part to spread the word by downloading the famous ringtone at www.condomcondom.org or by text messaging “condom” to 56887.

Just don’t forget to turn your phone off during church.

Amanda Moerlien is a sophomore in English. Please send comments to opinion@spub.ksu.edu.

THE FOURUM 785-395-4444

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I can’t leave the windows down in my van in the summer because my neighbor’s cat will leave deposits.

If your biggest concern in life is a cat pooping in your yard, you’re a tool.

How does a hood filter for an oven cost \$14?

Willie: Where’s the rest of our deposit? Ugh.

42 nail holes? We got screwed.

Nuts and bolts, nuts and bolts. We got screwed.

Plaid equals barf.

Caution: Objects under plaid are smaller than they appear.

Thank God I live next to FarmHouse.

Kori has a glow worm.

Nom nom nom nom nom.

I just went to the Lake of the Ozarks, and I’m going to make it back for my 9:30 a.m. class. I love college.

Hey, Mark Erbacher: I don’t feel like getting

secondhand smoke and lung cancer.

Mark: Since you’re a senior in political science, you should know it’s almost always been the practice of the government to ignore the rights of the few to save the many.

I hate mosquitos.

Let’s keep the sermons out of the paper, shall we?

Fourum, I’ve been waiting all summer to tell you this: There was a fat lady jogging in spandex shorts holding a turkey leg on campus this summer. Amazing.

Hey, Collegian: I’d rather take my sexual and/or relationship advice from Matt Combes than that religious nut.

Dear Kansas State Housing and Dining: Learn how to reject housing contracts.

Driving is my favorite drinking game.

My roommate is totally down for sloppy seconds.

I don’t have to wait until after marriage to have sex with you. I’m totally down for before.

I swear, I looked up in Calculus III today, and I swear time stopped. Or the clock was just broken.

I love how the professors scare a bunch of freshmen with their policies.

I just added SafeRide on my speed dial. Does that make me an alcoholic?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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FEATURED ATHLETE

Running back Justin Woods lives by Coach Prince’s mottos, raises son

By Aubree Casper
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

His lucky number is 35.

A humble native of Lawrence and Shawnee, Kan., Justin Woods grew up with a K-State Championship Ring poster in his bedroom. Like the famed Notre Dame defensive end “Rudy” Ruettiger, Woods, sophomore in psychology, barely got a start in football during middle school because many people – including his own mother – feared he was too small.

SMALL START

After some convincing from his father, a Bahaman citizen who ran track in college, Woods joined a local team and was handed a No. 35 jersey. Six years later, wearing a No. 2 jersey as the starting running back for the Mill Valley High School Jaguars, Woods had set school records in track and tied state records during his junior year, as well as leaving a football legacy at MVHS.

When it came time for Woods to be given a Wildcat jersey, it was the No. 35 that distinguished the running back from other players. Woods said that fate reincarnated the same number jersey that was responsible for sending him on the path that changed his life. He also said that as a college student, it is a symbol of rebirth – as both a person and player.

An all-around athlete, showing

“You have to be a little bit crazy to play football.”

-sophomore running back Justin Woods

exceptional skill in track and field, the smaller running back was given an opportunity he said he feels blessed to have. A full-ride scholarship was waiting for Woods at K-State, and while his size red-shirted him during his inaugural season as a Wildcat, a season of what Woods called “tough love” and intense training has prepared the running back for hopes of game play this season.

“You have to be a little bit crazy to play football,” he said.

TOUGHENING UP

While players eventually get used to the hard-hitting tackles and long days with little time for a social life, Woods chose football over other sports because of the life lessons and maturity involved in all aspects of the sport. The passion Woods carries for the team is largely because of a series of “puzzle pieces that came together.” One of four boys in the Woods household, football was his ticket to college. As a psychology major, Woods wants to be a counselor in a mental-health facility.

Football plays a significant part of the man Woods has become, but

balancing two very different lives has also helped Woods grow up fast. While Woods sees his teammates as family - playing pranks and joking around like brothers - he has a family of his own.

During his junior year of high school, as he was breaking school records in high school 100 meter track races, Woods learned that he would become a father by the beginning of his senior year of high school. Taking the news in stride, he said he couldn’t be more proud to be a part of his son Jayden’s life. Now 2 years old, Jayden is walking and talking like crazy, Woods said.

“I went home at one point, and he wasn’t talking, and then I went back over winter break, and he was talking and using sign language,” Woods said.

With his parents as role models, Woods said he feels inspired to succeed in college so he can provide for his son. His own family has come a long way. His mother’s name with “Forever my lady” is tattooed across the left side of his chest, reminding him of the family he has off the field.

Woods goes back home to Shawnee as much as possible to see



Courtesy Photo

his son and extended family. Woods said if he had a free day, he would choose to be with Jayden and take him wherever he wanted. Woods said the distance is tough, but he knows sacrifices are needed to give his son the best life possible.

Woods also said he lives by K-State football coach Ron Prince’s motto of “I was a nobody until foot-

ball made me somebody.”

Staying humble is important for him, Woods said, and beating stereotypes of football players drives him. Woods relates much of life to time on the field and the opportunities he has been given inspire him to be the best student, running back, brother, son and father he can be.

Sunset Zoo’s ‘GO GREEN!’ program gains local, international attention

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

On Earth Day of 2007, Sunset Zoological Park launched its “GO GREEN!” program to generate increased efforts and interests in creating a more environmentally friendly community. Little did the creators know at the time that their “GO GREEN!” program would expand beyond the Manhattan community and surpass the state lines, reaching all the way to India.

On the Zoo’s Web site, businesses, households, schools, residence halls and individuals can register to “go green.” By registering, groups or individuals commit themselves to completing 14 of 22 environmentally friendly steps.

“Since it’s on our Web site, people in Manhattan can register, but we do have a household in India that is registered as well,” said Rachel Soash, curator of education for Sunset Zoo. “It’s affecting Man-

hattan, the state of Kansas and our world as well.”

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has taken notice of the program’s efforts, earning Sunset Zoo the 2008 Pollution Prevention Award for its efforts in education and outreach.

“The criteria is just the impacts that you can make in your community, so we worked with the ‘GO GREEN!’ program to be really active and engaging,” Soash said.

So far, the program has made more than 100 presentations to more than 2,000 people, and the numbers just keep growing. West Hall is currently the only K-State residence hall registered on the zoo’s Web site, and Joel Hardy, junior in secondary education, said he has seen tremendous increases in participation within West.

“It started slowly, but it’s been getting more and more popular with each semester and I already have 50 people signed

up this semester,” Hardy said. “We heard about the program from Sunset Zoo, and we knew [Department of Housing and Dining Services] didn’t have anything in place at the time, so we just saw the need and said, ‘Why not us?’”

Hardy and his team began the program in the hall last fall by encouraging residents to set their recyclables outside their rooms on a certain day and time to be picked up later that day.

K-State fraternities and sororities have also decided to participate in “GO GREEN!” With the lead of Molly Hamm, senior in English and secondary education and founder of K-State’s “Greeks Go Green” program, every Greek house on campus has decided to take on the challenge.

“GO GREEN!” Is just a way to give each house guidance in what they can

be doing and where to start, a way to get more involved in the movement,” Hamm said. “I think this is a great thing because people are really interested in being more conscious. It’s just a matter of getting people to know specifically what they should do and that’s what this program does. It makes it simple, easy and convenient.”

Convenience is key to keeping the “GO GREEN!” program alive. Simple steps like recycling, turning off the lights, carpooling and conserving water are all on the green list, and Sunset Zoo makes the journey to environmentally friendly an easy 14 steps.

“We tried to create a program based on the basic steps that people use to make changes in their lives,” Soash said. “By creating the ‘GO GREEN!’ program, we tried to create an active program with steps they physically can do and will do.”

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	Art Briles	\$1,800,000	34-28
	Mike Leach	\$1,750,000	65-37
	Bo Pelini	\$1,100,000	1-0**
	Dan Hawkins	\$1,100,000	100-40***
	Gene Chizik	\$1,100,000	3-9
	Ron Prince	\$1,100,000	12-13
	Mike Gundy	\$1,150,000	18-19

*Spent six seasons as head coach of the Green Bay Packers
**Served as interim head coach against Michigan in the Alamo Bowl.
***Spent five seasons at Willamette University where he went 39-12-1. Hawkins has a career record of 61-28 as a Division 1-A head coach.

Coach Prince receives contract extension, is no longer lowest-paid coach in Big 12

By Cole Manbeck
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

When K-State coach Ron Prince signed his five-year contract extension in early August, many fans were left scratching their heads. Prince’s career 12-13 record and the brutal stretch to end last year’s season – K-State lost its last four games after a 5-3 start – left a bad taste in the mouth of many Wildcat fans. The contract is essentially a two-year extension that locks Prince up through 2012 and includes a hefty pay raise from \$750,000 to \$1.1 million per year. If Prince is relieved of his duties following the 2008 season, K-State would have to pay him a \$1.2 million buyout, with the buyout decreasing by \$300,000 for each year remaining on his contract. Athletic Director Bob Krause said he understands the fans’ frustrations with how the team performed last year, but he insisted they need to be patient with the process. “Coach Prince had a plan when we hired him, and he’s sticking with that plan,” Krause said. “He makes adjustments accordingly, and I think it’s terribly important that we demonstrate that we have a commitment. It takes time. It’s not a one-season deal.”



Prince was the lowest-paid coach in the Big 12 Conference before the extension. Other coaches with minimal head coaching experience like Iowa State’s Gene Chizik and Nebraska’s Bo Pelini were getting a significantly larger salary per year. Prince’s salary is now competitive with many of the other coaches in the conference with approximately the same amount of head coaching experience. Krause said it was an important time for the administration to display support for Prince. “I think it was particularly important at this point in time to provide assurances that he’s going to be here for four more years,” Krause said. “That’s a strong communication to people. It’s a strong communication to recruits and their families.” Even the best college football coaches have had their struggles. Texas coach Mack Brown had a 2-20 record in his first two years at North Carolina. Since then, he has had 18-straight winning seasons– including 16 bowl games – and has added a national championship to his résumé. Missouri coach Gary Pinkel and Kansas’ Mark Mangino were considered to be on the hot seat before terrific 2007 seasons got them significant pay

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Intramural registrations due soon

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Will Schultz remembers the moment when his fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, won the softball intramural championship last spring. He remembers the feeling of accomplishment and pride in his fraternity that hit him as the members of the team gathered in the center of the field to celebrate the victory. It was Schultz’s first experience as a member of an intramural softball team, and throughout the season he said he learned the benefits of what intramurals offer students at K-State. He grew closer to many members of

his house and connected through something to which they could all relate – the competition that intramurals provide students. “Intramurals give students a way to compete and have competition,” said Schultz, sophomore in business finance. “And through competition is where you get the teamwork and the friends.” Registration forms for new teams are located in the front office of the Rec complex. Beginning Aug. 27, entries will be accepted for the first session of intramural sports, including team sports and individual single events. Schultz said he experienced the aspect of teamwork as a member

of the Beta Theta Pi softball team. During the games, he said it was a time to show that his fellow fraternity members played as a team and used that teamwork to make it deep into the playoffs – eventually winning the championship. “Games are where the competition comes together,” Schultz said, “and everybody molds together because you are trying to win, because you want your house to look good.” Having seen the benefits of intramural sports since his undergraduate years at the University of Texas, Director of Intramurals Armando Espinoza said he believes strongly that intramurals help students manage the stress of academics and the many pressures students face in college. “With any recreational activity,” Espinoza said, “you always have that outlet – that stress reliever to get your mind away from the pressures of studying or your financial troubles or whatever it is that is bothering you in your life.” To help build teamwork and promote bonding throughout intramural sports, Espinoza encourages students to sign up on the free-agent board located in the Peters Recreation Complex. This board allows teams that are looking for players to fill their roster by contacting individuals who wish to join a team. “The free-agent board is beneficial to the university in that it provides an opportunity for someone that would not normally have participated in an organized form of recreation to participate,” Espinoza said.

N. Texas could be difficult opponent



JON
GARTEN

North Texas is a scary season-opening opponent for K-State. That’s right – the same team that went 2-10 in the Sun Belt Conference, a league that is usually regarded as the worst in big-time Division I football. Don’t laugh too hard at the Mean Green, though. There are several reasons why they could make the Wildcats very uncomfortable Saturday night. North Texas averaged about 300 yards passing in 2007, the first season for coach Todd Dodge. The Mean Green had plenty of ups and downs, learning the spread offense and taking their lumps by playing young, inexperienced players. North Texas should be improved in 2008. The Mean Green will return at least eight offensive starters for Saturday’s season opener. That includes

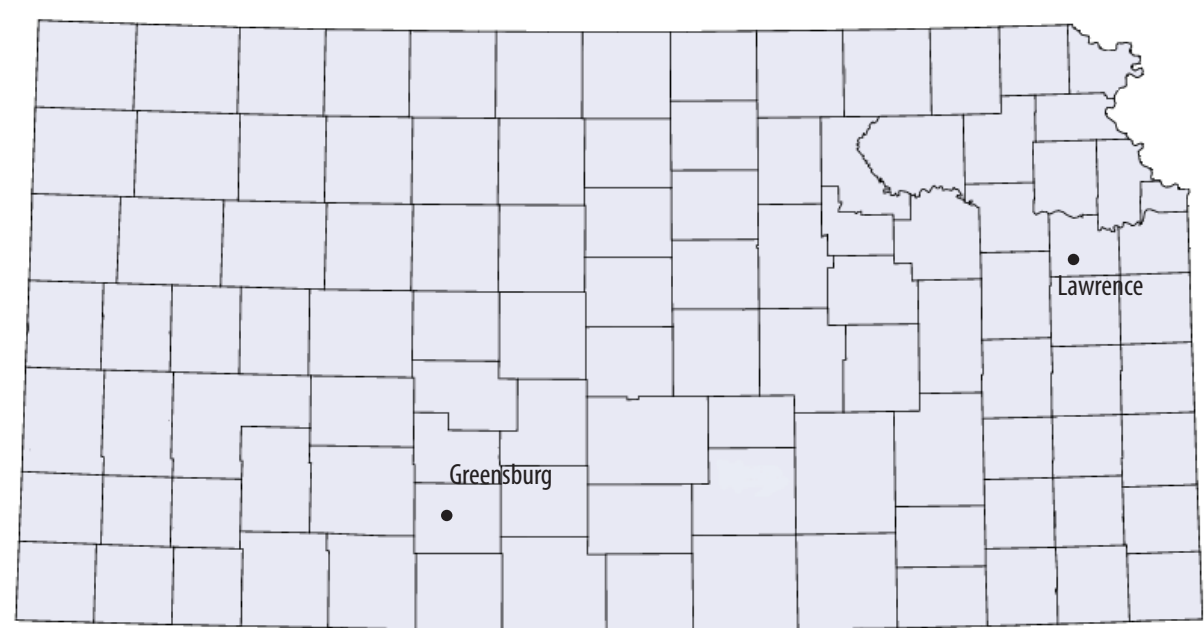
sophomore quarterback Giovanni Vizza, who showed some flashes of talent in 2007. Just ask Josh Freeman how much a quarterback can progress between his freshman and sophomore seasons, and he could probably give you some good ideas. On the flip side, it’s hard to gauge the experience of K-State’s defense. If you look at the Wildcats through purple-colored glasses, you could say they’re returning eight starters. Also, all those junior college transfers give K-State extra players who have college football experience. But it’s not that black and white. First off, K-State’s starting defensive ends Ian Campbell and Eric Childs both spent most of 2007 playing outside linebacker. Sure they both played end in 2006, but they played the position in a 4-3 scheme, not a 3-4. Cornerback Josh Moore, who started toward the end of the 2006 season, sat out last year and redshirted. Outside linebacker Antwon Moore started two games in 2007 before tearing his anterior cruciate ligament and missing the remainder of

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KEY INTRAMURAL DATES			
Sport	Divisions	Entries Taken	Start Date
Tailgate Games	OPEN	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 5
3-Wall Handball	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
3-Wall Racquetball	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
Horseshoes Singles	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
Tennis Singles	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
Badminton Singles	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
Doubles Volleyball	M-W-CR	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
1-on-1 Basketball	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 8
Flag Football	M-W-CR	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 9
Soccer	M-W	Aug. 27-Sept. 4	Sept. 11
Punt, Pass, Kick	M-W-CR	Sept. 8-11	Sept. 13
4-on-4 Sand Volley	M-W	Sept. 8-11	Sept. 14/21
Miniature Golf	M-W-CR	Sept. 22-25	Sept. 28

A complete list of sports and dates can be found at recservices.ksu.edu.

KANSAS BRIEFS



LAWMAKERS DISCUSS WATER PROJECTS, GRANT MONEY

A group of Kansas lawmakers met Monday with members of various state water organizations to discuss projects that will be funded by a recent \$9.8 million grant, according to a recent press release.

The politicians met with members from the Southwest Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 3 staff, the Arkansas River Litigation Funds committee, and officials from both the Kansas Water Office and the Division of Water Resources.

The grant, recently approved by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, was acquired as part of a settlement with the State of Colorado because of Colorado’s violations of the Arkansas River Compact, and some Kansans were concerned those funds would not be used to improve the water system.

“I am pleased the Kansas Legis-

lature had the foresight to put the appropriate legislation in place, first in 1996, and then fine-tuning it this year to ensure the integrity of the fund,” said Sen. Steve Morris, R-Hugoton, in the press release.

MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORNOGRAPHY POSSESSION

A Lawrence man pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography, a U.S. attorney said Tuesday.

According to KTKA.com, U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren said Richard McNett, 50, admitted to investigators he possessed the child pornography in his plea.

McNett’s wife gave officers floppy disks from his computer after he began locking himself in a room with a computer and not allowing anyone to enter.

Investigators found 1,202 images of child pornography on the

disks, 7,740 images on McNett’s hard drive, and 13,990 images on CDs in his possession, according to the Web site.

McNett will be sentenced Dec. 1 and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in a federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING UNDER WAY IN GREENSBURG

Leaders in Greensburg, Kan., have broken ground at the site of a new public meeting building.

The Kiowa County Community Building will feature two meeting rooms, which will accommodate 250 and 30 people.

Also included in the new construction will be a full kitchen, bathrooms, showers and a commodities room, according to WIBW.com.

Construction is expected to be completed by December.

Grad loan rumors proved to be false

By Summer Allen
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rumors floating around K-State over the summer suggested that graduate students might not be able to consolidate their loans.

The rumors stemmed from the recessive American economy, which is causing some private lenders to stop graduate students from loan consolidation, said Larry Moeder, director of student financial assistance at K-State.

“Generally, private lenders have the best consolidation options and offer reasonable interest rates,” Moeder said. “Due to the suffering economy, lenders could no longer offer the best rates.”

Moeder said the rumor that graduate students could no longer consolidate loans is “completely false.”

“As long as I can remember, graduate students have been allowed to consolidate their loans,” Moeder said. “Students should check lenders’ Web sites to find out more information about the consolidation process. Many lenders provide calculators to provide the best option of payment.”

If the rumors had been true, graduate students would suffer a great deal financially, because the cost of tuition for graduate school is more expensive than undergraduate tuition. Borrowing loans becomes

almost a necessity for many students.

To offset their expenses, graduate students have had the option to consolidate their student loans.

Charlie Spiker, second-year graduate student in animal sciences, was worried that the rumor might have been true.

“Most of the time, as graduate students, we don’t gain the financial benefits of having a master’s degree until some years later,” Spiker said. “We graduate embedded in debt, and being able to consolidate was an option of relief.”

Students at K-State do not have to worry about finding the best rates, Moeder said.

This year, the university switched from private to federal sectors, giving students the opportunity to consolidate through federal sectors, he explained.

Tonya Phillips, master’s 2008 graduate in business administration, said she plans to consolidate her student loans.

“I have not started the research process to find out exactly what I need to do in order to consolidate,” Phillips said. “I do know that there are pros and cons to consolidating.

“The biggest pro for me is the fact that I am able to make a lump sum payment for multiple loans. It is just more convenient.”

New bus route to Union to develop based on passenger’s needs

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

ATA Bus began a new deviated fixed route from University Crossing Apartments to the K-State Student Union on Monday.

ATA Director Anne Smith said the bus delivered 80 passengers on the opening day of the route.

A deviated-fixed route differs from a standard-fixed route in that the bus does not adhere to the route at all times.

If a person calls in advance to schedule a pick-up within two blocks of the designated route, the bus will deviate from the route to accommodate the new passenger.

A standard fixed route has designated stopping points and designated delivery points that are strictly adhered to at all times, Smith said.

The deviated-fixed routes allow ATA to operate on a minimal budget while still offering public transportation to the citizens of

the city of Manhattan and the surrounding area.

The bus charges \$2 inside Manhattan city limits and \$4 outside Manhattan.

The Manhattan City Commission, ATA Bus and K-State Parking Services have had ongoing discussion about implementing a fixed public transportation route covering the entire city of Manhattan.

“[The K-State transportation committee] has a meeting early next month to talk with the city

and other folks in the transportation area to talk about a city-wide system,” said Darwin Abbot, K-State transportation director.

Abbot said the city and K-State tried to implement city-wide public transportation in 1998 and 1999.

The project was dropped after the 2000 Census showed the population of Manhattan was below 50,000.

State and federal funding is provided to cities for public transportation with populations

above 50,000.

Until state and federal funding becomes available, the deviated-fixed routes will be all the city and ATA can offer.

City officials must wait and see how the 2010 Census returns on population for another chance at federal funding.

“[The public transportation system] has to be integrated; it has to work jointly,” Smith said. “The whole community has to work together to develop a fixed route.”

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Women: Sorry for Spencer



ERIC DAVIS

Before we go anywhere, I need to make clear that the target audience of this column is women everywhere. Specifically those who watch the MTV reality television show "The Hills."

I would like to apologize to females everywhere for Spencer Pratt. The vast majority of the statements he makes and the behavior he displays cause me to hang my head and sigh with embarrassment. He is a whiney, self-centered shadow of a man who deserves fame as much as China deserved the Olympics.

Though he has many downfalls, Spencer's extremely short memory is what most quickly embarrasses me.

During the show's fall 2008 season premier, we saw Spencer act as if Heidi was telling him she wants to get two single beds for the master bedroom when she said her sister might be staying with them for a couple of weeks.

I wish I could physically shake him and ask him where he stayed after Heidi put down the pipe for a few episodes last season and kicked him out. He went to his sister Stephanie's house and laid around all day while his sister went to class. The worst part was when Steph asked him to clean up a bit, and Spencer asked her to be quiet so he could watch "24."

I just can't understand why Stephanie didn't kick him out right there. I can imagine seeing that flesh-colored beard every day is quite enough to get your blood pumping. But when that beard is on the face of your worthless, lay-about brother who contributes nothing of purpose to your life, the pressure to has to be overwhelming.

I can also guarantee you this; if my sister asked me to clean up after myself while I was staying at her house, my answer would not have been much more cooperative than Spencer's.

On a side note, I also dislike him because he is famous for no legitimate reason.

All he had to do was make an unfounded accusation about one of his sort-of famous girlfriend's famous friends to get the flame going. Media outlets like TMZ and MTV were quick to fan the flame to power their "Southern California is Utopia" message.

The most embarrassing aspect of this entire ordeal is simply that I watch this show. The good-looking girls and glamorous lifestyle were enough to draw me to one episode, but the relentlessly upbeat attitude of Lauren Conrad after everything MTV has done to her is why I go back every week. I guess I just need that shot of So-Cal once a week to keep me down to earth.

Before I let you go, allow me to address just one argument people might have against my case. This seed of doubt is planted by those who point to the fact that "The Hills" is edited. I understand this, but I have a logical question that could follow in such a rational argument: "How can the producers of the show make Spencer's interception of Heidi in Las Vegas look like anything else?"

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'Fit' has a new face



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Melissa Coultis, senior in elementary education, plays the Wii "Fit" gaming system in her living room Sunday afternoon. Coultis said she likes the Wii "Fit" because "you can play video games, but feel like you're getting a work out and not just wasting your time."

Nintendo's Wii provides students inexpensive, convenient way to exercise in a group at home

By Mark Stephan
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

There is a new craze taking hold of the unused space in front of the television in many living rooms across the U.S.: Behold, the Wii "Fit," the latest gaming trend sweeping the industry.

The world is changing, and technology is consuming the American lifestyle. Now, people only need to turn on their TV to start a customized fitness program complete with the latest technology.

According to *Nintendo.com*, Wii "Fit" is an innovative peripheral device for the Wii gaming system that's simple, fun and a great way to get you off of the couch and into action. A hyper-sensitive balance controller works with the Wii console. However, the Wii has more to offer than just Nintendo games. Wii "Fit" offers a variety of games for fun and exercise.

The Wii "Fit" was first released in December 2007 in Japan, and later in the U.S. and other countries in April and May 2008, according to *Nintendo.com*. Because it has been so popular, the Wii "Fit" has been difficult to find. The product is selling out faster than it can be delivered to stores.

According to the sales department at the Manhattan Best Buy, the Wii "Fit" and games will only stay on the shelves for a maximum of two hours after they are delivered. Best Buy's sales representatives also said the Wii "Fit" costs \$89.99, and the price includes the Wii "Balance Board" and the Wii "Fit" game.

Leigh Davison, senior in hotel and restaurant management, had a difficult time purchasing her Wii "Fit" but was able to track one down.

"When I went in to buy the Wii 'Fit' there were six available at the store, and I got one of them," Davison said.

She also said she has owned the new Wii attachment for about a month.

"I've only had the Wii 'Fit' for a short while, but I already know it's fun to use for myself and fun to play with groups and parties," Davison said.

According to *Nintendo.com*, the Wii "Fit" weighs an individual and calculates his or her body mass index. The "Fit" even has an option to set up a weight-loss program with the input of a person's body weight, and can give a projected weight loss. The Wii "Fit" offers balance, yoga and strength and aerobic training for people of all ages.

Sunday evening, Davison, along with her roommates and a couple of friends, congregated around the console to try out the latest levels and games. The group played everything from Wii "ski jumping" to Wii "jogging." Melissa Coultis, senior in secondary education and Davison's roommate, did her best to show the rest of the group how to work out on the Wii "Fit." As the evening progressed the group became louder and more rambunctious, and the small group engaged in a Wii "Fit" competition.

"It's almost as if I have my own personal trainer in my living room," Davison said. "I have a friend who paid \$250 for five sessions with a real trainer, and so the cost of the Wii 'Fit' is completely worth it."

The Wii "Fit" also allows players to set their own difficulty level to help pace themselves. The further a person progresses in ability, the more games the Wii "Fit" unlocks for its players.

Davison said she is content with her purchase and plans on getting plenty of use out of her Wii "Fit" in the future.

"I don't regret this purchase at all, and I think everyone should own one or at least play one," she said.



The Wii "Fit," a peripheral device designed for the Nintendo Wii gaming system, incorporates exercising into video games while allowing players to enjoy the workout experience.

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1st-time 'Fit' player changes negative views of system



MARK STEPHAN

I had no idea what I was getting myself into. I wasn't even sure exactly how Wii "Fit" worked. To me, it looked like a toy to help children learn their ABCs using interactive TV technology. Needless to say, I went to my first Wii "Fit" session skeptical but soon realized I had much to learn about the new gaming system.

At first, I did not want to get on the Wii balance board because I felt like I was too "macho." But, as I watched others play, that thought changed. Rather than worry about my masculine appearance, I suddenly was afraid

of trying out the board for fear of embarrassment—it looked incredibly difficult. Despite my best efforts to avoid it, my turn soon came.

Balancing, aerobics, strength training — which one did I think I could do and save most of my dignity? I took a walk on the balance beam and managed to make it all the way across to the other side, where my fellow Wii players were encouraging me. I felt pretty accomplished, until the others pointed out that I was on the lowest level of Beginner.

My view definitely has changed, and I give the Wii "Fit" two thumbs up. I recommend the system to anyone looking for an entertaining way to exercise, but I'm not sure my calves and obliques would tell you the same.

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WII "FIT" SCREEN SHOTS



8 helpful Web sites for students



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VOTING | Resident voices opposition

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benefit,” he said. “A non-smoking section in a restaurant isn’t really non-smoking if there’s still smoke in the environment.”

All of the business owners who spoke at the meeting wanted the ordinance defeated.

“I’m not here to defend smokers or smoking, but I’m here to defend the freedom of choice that this country was founded on,” said Russell Loub, owner and operator of the Little Apple Brewing Co.

Keith Eyestone, president of the Aggieville Business Association, agreed with Loub, saying the ordinance was poorly constructed.

“We disagree with the ordinance as a whole,” Eyestone said. “We disagree with the way it was written.”

Dee Ross, Manhattan

resident, expressed his disgust with the proposal, saying that by passing the ordinance, the commission would be doing an injustice to the U.S.

“How dare you look a soldier or veteran in the face and tell him thank you for his service to this country,” Ross said. “When you say the Pledge of Allegiance, do you forget to say ‘With liberty and justice for all?’” Ross appeared to become increasingly upset as he spoke, and he ended with a gesture that sent the audience into a buzz.

“Let me end by giving you socialist fascists the New York salute you deserve,” said Ross as he waved his middle finger in the air.

The ordinance failed in a 2-3 vote by the commissioners. The vote to put the ordinance on the Nov. 4 ballot passed by unanimous decision.

GARTEN | Defense could use experience

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the season. It’s been a long time since either of them has played in a real game.

One reason why K-State can say it has a bevy of returning starters from 2007 is because the Wildcats had so many different starting lineups. The only player who still is playing his same position and consistently started during the end of 2007 is Chris Carney.

Now, there is some truth to defensive starting lineups being overrated. Most teams will rotate in several players not on the starting lineup.

However, most teams have several players who will start no matter what.

For K-State, Campbell is definitely a superstar, but as we know, he will be moving back to defensive end.

There are questions surrounding 10 of K-State’s 11 starting spots. The only one who still is playing the same position and is the obvious starter is Carney.

Trying to get a defense with that many concerns to compete by the end of the season is a tall order. Expecting it to figure things out during game one could result in a very close game Saturday.

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OUTDOORS | Parks provide trails, grills

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covers 104 acres according to the city parks and recreation’s Web site — provides open, natural space that brings the appeal of a large park escape, fitting for groups and individuals.

The park was built 20 years ago under a Quality of Life bond issue and utilizes the “naturalized Kansas lowland areas” that skirt the busy city center, according to the city Web site. Anenberg Park is located at 3801 Anderson Ave.

WARNER PARK

For those looking to go outdoors and get out of the busy city, Warner Park sits just off Kansas Highway 18 and Warner Park Road. A large open gateway to the Konza Prairie, Warner reaches 82 acres with shelters and grills, but the lack of civilization treats groups to a nice day with unrestricted space for just about any activity.

Trails play a big part in Warner’s appeal. A new trail that follows a Fort Riley/Leavenworth Trail System that was used by U.S. Cavalry soldiers is under construction, and eventually, a life-size statue of a mounted trooper will greet visitors, according to the Parks Web site.

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY PARK

While 11-year old Northeast Park is still undergoing construction, the 80-acre space will focus on handicapped accessibility, according to the Parks Web site.

Once finished, park-goers will be able to play on regulation basketball, tennis and volleyball courts, and two playgrounds. Entertainment and meeting facilities as well as nature trails will also be available.

An abundance of shelters, grills and picnic tables also are planned, according to the Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department’s Parks and Facilities Chart. Manhattan’s newest park is located at 680 Knox, on the northeast side of town.

Twenty other parks offer an outdoor getaway for Manhattan residents and visitors. The larger well-known parks are great for quick trips, but exploring other city parks can reveal hidden gems in Manhattan.

Loupe also recalled Longs Park’s interesting founding. Originally built as a rest stop off of Old Highway 40 — now Interstate 70 — Longs Oil Company used the park as a draw for travelers, while their true motives were to get drivers to stop at the park and, in turn, purchase gas at the adjacent Longs gas station.

While 23 might be an unexpected number for even the most familiar Manhattanites, the Parks and Recreation Department is not going to stop there. Loupe said the department is looking into acquiring more land for a south park, and there are ideas for a possible dog park and disc-golf course.

Anyone interested in exploring city parks can stop by the Parks and Recreation Department located at 11th and Freemont Street if they have questions or need a guide.



For a detailed description of what each of the 23 parks in Manhattan has to offer, visit www.kstate-collegian.com.

SPORTS | Prince to utilize transfer athletes

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raises. Pinkel compiled a 9-14 record in his first two years at Missouri. He received a \$550,000 raise and a one-year extension through 2012 after a 12-2 season and a Big 12 North Division crown.

Mangino had a 12-24 record in his first three years at Kansas and didn’t experience his first winning season until his fourth year on the job.

In 2006, Mangino was the lowest-paid coach in the conference with a salary of \$600,000 per year. He later received a raise to \$1.5 million per year following a 2006 season in which his team went 6-6 but failed to make it to a bowl game.

Mangino is the third-highest paid coach in the Big 12 after receiving another large bump in his salary. He received an \$800,000 raise following a 12-1 season in which he guided the Jayhawks to an Orange Bowl victory over Virginia Tech.

Colorado coach Dan Hawkins received a similar extension to Prince’s this offseason. Hawkins, who is 8-17 in his first two years at Colorado, received a five-year extension through 2012 with a \$200,000 raise.

Some considered the signing of 19 junior-college players as an act of desperation by Prince to save his job, but Krause insists it was part of Prince’s plan after examining the roster when he became the head coach.

“We have talked about the need for balancing out the number of community college transfers and true freshmen coming in over time,” Krause said. “I think coach Prince is very much aware.”

“Eventually you want to get to the point where obviously you can have a student-athlete in the program for five years.”

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Chi Alpha Campus Ministries is a Christian campus ministry on universities throughout the United States and around the world. We are a movement of college-age men and women earnestly following Jesus. We are not a fraternity or sorority. We invite everyone to be a part, regardless of background.

We meet on campus in groups of varying size and style. These gatherings are informal, infused with music and interaction, and cover topics from relationships to the nature of truth. We create opportunities for students to meet God, each other, and the needs of the community.

We are sponsored by the Assemblies of God, but we welcome all. In fact, on any given week we will have Baptists, Catholics, Lutherans, Hindus, Buddhists, and agnostics in attendance. We encourage students to seek out a spiritual covering and be accountable in their walk with God.

Where We Get Our Name

In the Bible, the Apostle Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:20, "*We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.*" Inspired by this verse we chose the phrase "*christou apostoloi*," meaning "Christ's sent ones," to represent who we are. The Greek letters Chi (X) and Alpha (A) are the initials of this phrase, which reminds us that we should live to reflect Jesus' life. Chi Alpha was founded in 1953 at Missouri State University, formerly Southwest Missouri State University, and is on over 200 campuses throughout the U.S. and around the world today.

Chi Alpha at Kansas State University meets every Wednesday night at 7 in the North Dining Hall. Small groups are forming now. All are welcome.

For more information, you can email our staff:

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"For I have come to seek and to save that which was lost..."
- Jesus

by Sophie Pinwill, an international student from Great Britain

To say God changed things for me last year is a bit of an understatement. The craziest thing is, God never changed. The love, the understanding, the hope, and the pure awesomeness were there all along - I just chose to ignore them.

Let's start at the beginning...

August 2007, I arrived at K-state. Things back home were not so fantastic. I was low, and in fact I probably had depression. My family had been in chaos since my dad died and I was glad to get away from it all. It seems when things get really bad you find out who your real friends are. I had some great friends, but when you're in

Call It "Fate"

Omaha Band To Perform At UPC/OSAS Carnival

Fate is a loaded word...a word that speaks of destiny and purpose. Yet, in the midst of a generation bombarded with messages about relativism and finding one's own truth, destiny and purpose are two things that are lacking in today's culture. Fate of Angels desires to communicate these messages and reach a world for Christ.

Formed with an intense heart to reach people on their terms and in language they understand, Fate of Angels brings a no-holds-barred energy to their rock show. So it is with purpose that Fate of Angels holds up Christ to make Him known and known deeper.

In their years as a band, Fate of Angels has shared the stage with many national bands such as

Third Day, Superchick, Falling Up, Hawk Nelson, Skillet and Rebecca St. James to name a few. They have also played with many local and regional bands in the Midwest and they have had the privilege of being part of the main stage at LifeLight Festival.

With a call to both the secular and Christian arenas, Fate of Angels strives at every moment to connect with their listener and draw them closer to their Creator. They find both their message and their mission in facilitating that connection. Mark MacGowan, coordinator and leader for the Gulf Coast Outreach of Youth With A Mission said, "These guys were everything I'd hoped for in a band. They connected on many levels." So it is with a sense of



purpose that Fate of Angels calls all their listeners to know Christ and know Him deeper.

Fate of Angels will be playing in Bosco Student Plaza on

Thursday, August 28th from 6:30 to 8. They are being brought to the KSU campus by Chi Alpha Campus Ministries and the Union Programming Council.

Think Your Story Isn't Worth Telling?



by Paul Cook
KSU Chi Alpha

If the title to this article caught your attention you might be somewhat like me, thinking that your story really isn't worth sharing, and that it would have no affect on people if it were told.

First, let me tell you a little bit more about my story. Growing up in church I would always hear incredible stories of people who were in dire situations that would turn their life to Christ. I always had a feeling of awe when I heard these stories, but I also would feel a sadness within me. I thought that I would never be able to tell a story like that and touch someone's life like they could.

Let's fast forward to college now. I arrived at K-State my freshman year feeling both excited and scared. My brother had been involved in some Christian group called Chi Alpha, so I thought why not give it a try. I wasn't sure what to expect from Chi Alpha, but when I got there I was surrounded by love and support. I had a feeling of connection and community with the people in Chi Alpha that I had never experienced before. I was a very quiet and reserved person, but the people reached out to me.

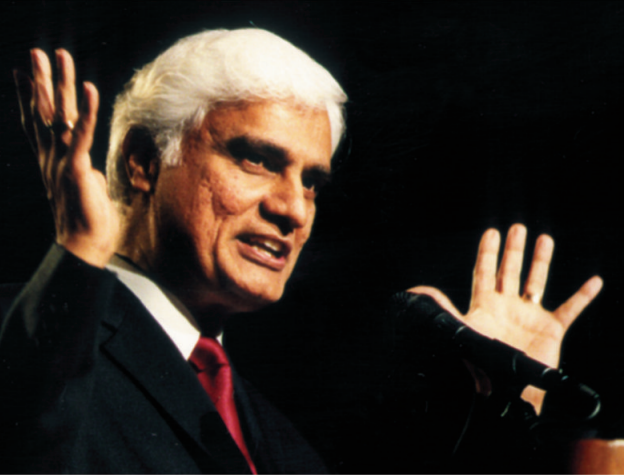
I continued going to Chi Alpha and I started attending a small group bible study as well, then God began speaking to me and doing great things in my life. One of the things God started speaking to me was that He has a great plan for my life, and that you don't have to have a 180 degree turnaround story to impact someone's life.

During my sophomore year I continued to grow and God continued to do great things in my life. I was no longer the scared and quiet one, the summer before I had even gone a mission trip to Panama. To my extreme amazement I was even going to lead a bible study of my own; I never would have imagined that I would do something like that in a thousand years!

As the year progressed the realization that my story could speak to people, even if it wasn't a complete turnaround, became even stronger. I had people telling me that I was a great inspiration to them, and I hadn't even tried to be! I finally had the assurance deep within my heart that what God had for me was far greater than I could ever imagine; that my life is and will in some way continue to be, an inspiration to people that will change them for the better.

I still may not have one of those complete turnaround stories, and I may not be the absolute most outgoing person, and I may not be the deepest theologian, but God is the author of my life, and I know that because of this fact my story is worth telling! This story about my life, this story that God has written just for me, is going out to you, you who have a similar story to mine and know what I am talking about. So never doubt whether or not your story is worth telling. It is lovingly written by God and has a divine purpose that will no doubt touch the life of someone. Your story is worth telling so much more than you know!

Christian Philosopher to Visit KSU



Ravi Zacharias is known for his thoughtful and winsome addresses.

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He is known across the world as one of the premiere Christian philosophers of the day. Coming March 3rd, the KSU community will get the chance to hear and interact with Ravi Zacharias.

For 35 years Zacharias has spoken all over the world and in numerous universities, notably Harvard, Princeton, and Oxford University. He has addressed writers of the peace accord in South Africa, the president's cabinet and parliament in Peru, and military officers at the Lenin Military Academy and the Center for Geopolitical Strategy in

Moscow. At the invitation of the President of Nigeria, he addressed delegates at the First Annual Prayer Breakfast for African Leaders held in Mozambique and has twice spoken at the Annual Prayer Breakfast at the United Nations in New York, which marks the beginning of the UN General Assembly each year. As the 2008 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer, he gave addresses at the White House, the Pentagon, and The Cannon House.

Dr. Zacharias was born in India in 1946 and immigrated to

Canada with his family twenty years later. While pursuing a career in business management, his interest in theology grew; subsequently, he pursued this study during his undergraduate education. He received his Masters of Divinity from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. Well-versed in the disciplines of comparative religions, cults, and philosophy, he held the chair of Evangelism and Contemporary Thought at Alliance Theological Seminary for three and a half years. Mr. Zacharias has been honored by the conferring of a Doctor of Divinity degree both from Houghton College, NY, and from Tyndale College and Seminary, Toronto, and a Doctor of Laws degree from Asbury College in Kentucky. He is presently Visiting Lecturer at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University in Oxford, England.

Dr. Zacharias has been a visiting scholar at Cambridge University, where he studied moralist philosophers and literature of the Romantic era. His second book, *Can Man Live without God* (Word, 1994), was awarded the Gold Medallion for best book in the category of doctrine and theology, and *Jesus Among Other Gods* (Word, 2000) was nominated for a Gold Medallion. In all, Mr. Zacharias

has authored or edited twenty books, including *Walking from East to West*, *The Grand Weaver*, and *Beyond Opinion*, which includes contributions from Ravi Zacharias International Ministries' global team. His latest books are *The End of Reason: A Response to the New Atheists* and *New Birth or Rebirth: Jesus Talks to Krishna*. Several of his books have been translated into Russian, Chinese, Korean, Thai, and other languages.

At the invitation of Billy Graham, Mr. Zacharias was a plenary speaker at the International Conference for Itinerant Evangelists in Amsterdam in 1983, 1986, and 2000. He is listed as a distinguished lecturer with the Staley Foundation and has appeared on CNN and other international broadcasts. His weekly radio program, "Let My People Think," is aired on almost 1700 outlets worldwide, and his weekday program, "Just Thinking," on almost 400.

Ravi Zacharias is being brought to K-State by Chi Alpha Campus Ministries in partnership with Campus Crusade for Christ, InterVarsity, Ichthus, Christian Challenge, and Midwest Student Ministries. Time and location are to be determined.

Decisions, Decisions, and More Decisions



by Bryan Elliott
Pastor,
director of
Chi Alpha

Congratulations on your decision to advance your life by attending Kansas State University! There are probably many things that affected your decision to be here: your parent(s) attended K-State, you wanted to get *that* degree and only KSU could deliver the goods, you have bled purple for as long as you have been able to bleed, or perhaps you are here only because it was cheaper than that private school you *really* wanted to attend.

Regardless, you are here, and we are happy about it. When I say "we," I mean the community. I mean the school. I mean the students at Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. I cannot speak for the community at large and the university, but I can speak for Chi Alpha's when I say that we have been praying for you. You see, the years you spend on the college campus will determine the direction of the rest of your

life. All of us know somebody who went to college, made some bad decisions, and is still paying for those decisions years later. Don't be "that guy." Make wise decisions this year. With regards to relationships, be prudent. When it comes to partying, be wise. When it comes to classes, be...well, be *there*.

Speaking of decisions, if you are contemplating some spiritual decisions this year, may I humbly suggest that you decide to visit Chi Alpha? I can't promise that you will find all of your answers, but you will find other students who are seeking truth. You will also learn about Jesus Christ and hear what He had to say about life. You see, if you take away technology and Western culture and two thousand years of baggage, the core issues of life were pretty similar in Jesus' day. Bad things were happening to people (good people *and* bad people), crime was high, powerful empires were occupying other lands, wars were common, politicians lied, and it was sometimes hard to get along with others. Rather than blaming republicans or democrats or

terrorists or bad parenting, Jesus knew the real problem: we were and still are a people in need of reconciliation with God. He said he did not come to be served, but to serve...to be a ransom for many.

We at Chi Alpha, after careful study and thought, have come to the conclusion that we have been at odds with our creator. Through Jesus, that is by putting our active belief in Him, we can be reconciled to our creator...God. Will all of our problems go away now? Will there be peace on earth because of our faith? No. But we can be at peace with God and with ourselves. And someday, when

this life is complete, we will see God face-to-face.

We pray you come to this conclusion, too. If you have already put your belief in Christ, please join us on Wednesday nights in the North Dining Hall in the Union at 7 PM. However, you may not be a follower of Jesus. That's ok, too. You may be Hindu, Muslim, humanist, or maybe just a skeptic who has questions. You can come to Chi Alpha on Wednesday nights, as well. We welcome others who have sincere questions about life and spirituality and truth.

And remember, you are not here by accident.

Personal Freedom Found

There are so many different ways to describe freedom, depending where you're from and how you grew up.

I grew up thinking that freedom was achieved when I grew old

enough to make my own choices without my mother overshadowing my every move. Others describe it as being able to do whatever your heart desires without any consequences, or even to just be able to say no or yes without fear of rejection... to be free to voice your opinion. I can spend all day giving examples of what I think freedom is to me and others. But I have found that there is only one true freedom that we all can relate to, no matter where we come from or how we grew up.

Freedom is to be able to go through life craving something really badly - yet knowing that you will be okay without it. It is freedom from self, and it's a beautiful thing. Do you understand what that means?

I'll give you an example of how I encountered this feeling of freedom. I recently got my heart broken by the choices I had made. These choices led to my wife leaving me and taking my child with her. I thought I

would die. I had no Idea how I would survive without them. I wanted them back. Through God alone I learned what peace was. I badly wanted my wife and son back with me, but it was through this newly acquired freedom that I learned that I may have to endure these cravings for a long time. I also learned that I will be okay with out them. That is real freedom: to know that no matter what you want in life, God is enough. You need only Him. You will survive, you will make it.

You want this type of freedom, don't you?

Carlos Flores is a sophomore at Kansas State University studying construction science and management.

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